



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 363959
MID-LEVEL ESTIMATOR SUPPORT SERVICES**

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Dear Prospective Offeror,

RE: Request for Proposal No. 363959

Central Plateau Cleanup Company (CPCCo) is interested in receiving proposals for **Mid-Level Estimator Support Services** for the Central Plateau Cleanup Company Project, Richland, Washington, under Prime Contract No. 89303320DEM000030 with the U.S. Department of Energy.

Information regarding the product or services required and instructions for the preparation and submission of proposals are contained in this Request for Proposal (RFP) instructions.

The anticipated schedule for this RFP activity is as follows:

- ✓ Notice of Intent to Propose: 3/22/23
- ✓ Questions Due: 3/22/23
- ✓ Proposals Due: 3/29/23

Warm regards,

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Contract Specialist
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SECTION A – REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Central Plateau Cleanup Company (CPCCo) acting under its prime contract with the Department of Energy, requests Offerors to submit a proposal for a **Labor-Hour** type of contract to provide the resource(s) to provide **Mid-Level Estimator Support Services** on a staff augmentation basis.

This Section A describes the basis of award, proposal submittal requirements, proposal instructions, and notices to Offerors.

Section B contains Representations and Certifications and other documents, which Offerors may be required to complete, sign and return with their proposal, as well as a Draft 4-Part Contract, which contains:

- Part I – Statement of Work
- Part II – Financial Terms
- Part III – General Terms, Contract Provisions & Attachments
- Part IV – Special Terms

2.0 BASIS OF AWARD

CPCCo intends to award one or more contract(s) as a result of this Request for Proposal (RFP) to the responsible Offeror whose is responsive to all of the RFP requirements, with the lowest evaluated price and technically acceptable.

While it is CPCCo's preference to award a single contract for all services required, CPCCo reserves the right to make award, in whole or in part (i.e., some or all of the resources required by the statement of work), whichever may be most advantageous to CPCCo. CPCCo may elect to award a single contract or multiple contracts to two or more Offerors under this solicitation.

CPCCo may determine that any proposal not submitted in accordance with this Request for Proposal (RFP) is non-responsive and reject the proposal.

2.1 Acceptance or Rejection of Proposals

CPCCo reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal with or without prior discussion with the Offeror. CPCCo may:

- award a contract on the basis of proposals received without discussions with Offerors (therefore, initial proposals should be submitted with the most favorable technical and price terms);
- select one or more Offerors with which to negotiate;
- reject any or all proposals received;

- issue a request for new proposals; or
- cancel the RFP without awarding a contract.

2.2 Responsiveness Determination

CPCCo will determine if the Offeror is responsive to CPCCo requirements and eligible for award. This evaluation may include, but is not limited to, information gathered from other sources, including safety performance, financial stability and past performance for CPCCo or other customers. The determination may be made at any time by CPCCo without additional questions or revision. CPCCo may waive minor informalities and irregularities in offers received.

2.3 Proposal Costs

CPCCo is under no obligation to pay proposal preparation costs.

2.4 Award Notification

CPCCo will notify all of the Offerors after CPCCo selects an Offeror for award. There will be no public opening of proposals.

3.0 PROPOSAL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

Organize the proposal as described in the following sections. Proposal must clearly and convincingly demonstrate that the Offeror has a thorough understanding of and will be able to perform the proposed contract successfully. For technical work, describe the proposed technical approach including assumptions and supporting detail. Unsupported, unclear, or inconsistent statements about Offeror's proposed performance and compliance with all contract requirements may be determined as non-responsive. Do not submit generic brochures or other marketing materials that do not specifically relate to the proposal.

3.1 Proposal Content

Offeror's proposal must contain information sufficient to demonstrate an understanding of the requirements and Offeror's ability to perform successfully as proposed. Offerors who submit proposals that are unclear or incomplete may be judged non-responsive and dropped from further consideration for this award. Simply repeating the statement of work requirements or merely offering to perform the work may result in a lower evaluation or the offer being judged non-responsive to the requirements and dropped from further consideration

Reference Sections 3.1.1, 3.1.2 and 3.1.3 for how proposals shall be organized, and information required to be included. Each volume of the proposal shall be separate and complete.

Reference Section B Attachments for additional documents to include with the proposal.

3.1.1 Volume I – Technical Proposal

Volume I shall consist of the Offeror’s capabilities, and what the Offeror will do to satisfy the requirements outlined in the SOW.

- a) **Company Experience** – Discuss the Offeror’s prior record in performing services or delivering products similar in size, content, and complexity to those required in this scope.
- b) **Resumes** – Individuals proposed to perform the scope shall have qualifications that demonstrate experience with specified tasks and possess the qualifications in the SOW.

3.1.2 Volume II – Business and Price Proposal

The Offeror must complete the Pricing Template (see Section B Attachments) as formatted. All pricing assumptions shall be clearly stated to allow a reviewer to assess the potential cost risks associated.

3.1.3 Volume III - Organizational Conflict of Interest Mitigation Plan

Offeror shall develop a mitigation plan of how the company and their resources plan to address the following conflicts of interest identified for this scope.

- a) Scope may lead to follow-up procurements, involve multiple interrelated contracts, and multiple contractors working together on the same project.
- b) Scope may lead to deliverables in performance of CPCCo’s prime contract.

3.2 Offeror’s Acceptance

The Contract, if any, resulting from this RFP will be substantially the same as the Draft Contract that is contained in the accompanying file. Unless otherwise noted by the Offeror in its proposal, Offeror’s submission of a proposal signifies the Offeror’s unqualified acceptance of all of the technical requirements and other terms and conditions that are contained and referenced in this RFP and the accompanying draft contract file. Interpretations established by the Offeror to any part of this RFP may be considered an exception and may render the proposal being considered non-responsive and dropped from evaluation and award considerations.

3.3 Exceptions to Technical Requirements and Other Terms and Conditions

The Offeror shall describe any exceptions to the technical requirements and other terms and conditions of the sample contract on which the Offeror’s proposal is based. Offerors are notified that CPCCo considers the Offeror’s compliance with the technical requirements and terms and conditions of the accompanying draft contract to be essential.

In case of doubt, Offeror should request clarification from CPCCo. If the Offeror takes any exceptions to the requirements of the RFP, the pricing shall be based on the requirements of the RFP and the exception(s) priced as alternates. If the Offeror's proposal is based only on the proposed exceptions, CPCCo may determine that the proposal is non-responsive.

3.4 Proposal Validity Period

A proposal shall remain firm for ninety (90) days after the proposal due date.

4.0 PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL DIRECTIONS

4.1 Notification of Intent to Propose

CPCCo requests that a prospective Offeror notify CPCCo in writing via email to toree_p_conatore@rl.gov by **4:00 P.M. PST on 3/22/23**, indicating that the Offeror intends to submit a proposal in response to this RFP.

4.2 Questions and Comments Regarding the RFP

The Offeror shall submit any comments or questions regarding the RFP to the Contract Specialist via email to toree_p_conatore@rl.gov no later than **4:00 P.M. PST on 3/22/23**.

CPCCo will answer all questions in writing and provide a copy of all questions and answers to all Offerors. If the RFP requires an amendment to resolve issues regarding the RFP, CPCCo will issue an amendment to those Offerors who have not declined to participate in time for them to consider the amendment(s) before finalizing and submitting their proposals.

4.3 Proposal Deadline

Proposals are due by **4:00 P.M. PST on 3/29/23**. CPCCo reserves the right to reject any proposal received after the deadline.

4.4 Submittal Instructions

All proposals must be submitted via e-mail to toree_p_conatore@rl.gov. The Contract Specialist will confirm receipt of the Offeror's proposal. It is recommended that the Offeror turn on 'read receipt' in Outlook.

4.5 Withdrawal

Proposals may be withdrawn by written notice received by the Contract Specialist at any time prior to award.

4.6 RFP Amendments

If this RFP is amended, unless otherwise stated, all terms and conditions that are not modified will remain unchanged. The Offeror shall acknowledge receipt of all amendments by stating in the proposal that the Offeror has received the amendment(s) and has considered it/them in formulating the proposal.

5.0 NOTICES TO OFFERORS

5.1 Precedence of Requirements

In the event of a conflict among the provisions, the RFP instructions, the RFP correspondence, other documents and the resulting contract, the terms of the contract shall govern.

5.2 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code and Size Standard

CPCCo has determined that North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code 561320 applies to this acquisition. Therefore, the size standard for determining whether an Offeror is a small business in regard to this acquisition is \$34 Million.

5.3 Identification of Proprietary Data

If the Offeror submits any data as part of their Proposal, which is considered by the Offeror to be “proprietary data,” the document transmitting the data or which contains the data, shall be boldly marked indicating that the data included are considered to be proprietary. To the extent that the restrictive marking prevents CPCCo from distributing the documents for evaluation or use, the marking may render the proposal non-responsive.

5.4 Certified Cost or Pricing Data

The Offeror is not required to provide certified cost or pricing data. However, CPCCo may require the Offeror to provide certified and/or non-certified cost or pricing data prior to award if CPCCo cannot determine that the acquisition is exempt from the requirements of PL 87-653 (10 USC Sec. 2306a).

5.5 Financial Capability Determination Information

CPCCo reserves the right, prior to award, to require the Offeror to submit information that CPCCo will use to make a determination whether the Offeror has the financial capability to successfully perform the contemplated contract in accordance with the contract terms. Such information may include, but not be limited to: annual reports; lines of credit with financial institutions and suppliers; SEC Form 10K, and any other information that may be required by CPCCo.

5.6 Subcontracting

Contractor may **not** subcontract any significant portion of this contract without first obtaining concurrence of CPCCo to the proposed subcontract scope and subcontractor(s).

Contractor is responsible to incorporate and flow down all appropriate provisions and requirements of this contract to all lower-tier contractors and subcontractors.

Contractor shall furnish CPCCo a list of all proposed lower-tier subcontractors who will be performing work on the Hanford site and those proposed subcontractors who will be performing a significant portion of the off-site work. The list must be furnished prior to award and updated with changes during contract performance. Use the Subcontracting form and instructions located on this web page:

<https://cpcco.hanford.gov/page.cfm/SubmittalsFormsDocs>

CPCCo reserves the right to:

- reject any proposed subcontract or subcontractor as incomplete or unsuitable;
- require submittal of the proposed subcontract before contract award or prior to performance of any work on site; and
- require the replacement, at contractor's expense, of any subcontractor who fails to adhere to all of the applicable provisions and requirements of this contract.

5.7 Identification of Service Animals

If the Offeror or a planned lower-tier subcontractor requires the use of a service support animal to perform its work under the contract, the Offeror shall disclose and provide information in its proposal that includes a description of the work or task the service support animal has been trained to perform. Service support animals "in training" are not considered service support animals and will not be allowed on the Hanford Site or in Site associated facilities. Other animals, to include pets and "comfort animals" are not permitted access onto the Hanford Site or in Site associated facilities. Service support animals may be excluded from the workplace if the work site cannot support reasonable accommodations. For more information, see the Hanford Site Procedure MSC-PRO-SEC-417, Appendix A-5, p.16.

5.8 Required Price Support Information

The Offeror is required to submit information sufficient to determine that the prices or costs being charged are reasonable, fair and realistic. Such information may include pricing, sales, or cost information that is pertinent to establishing the pricing or costs being charged.

Certified cost or pricing data need not be submitted. For example:

1. For items where pricing is controlled, by law or regulation, by periodic rulings, reviews, or similar actions of a governmental body; identify and submit the controlling document establishing the price offered.
2. For Commercial items; submit, at a minimum, information on prices at which the same item or similar items have previously been sold in the commercial market that is adequate for evaluating the reasonableness of the price of this acquisition. Such information may include:
 - a. For catalog items; a copy of or identification of the catalog and its date, or the appropriate pages for the offered items, or a statement that the catalog is on file in the buying office to which the proposal is being submitted. Provide a copy or describe current discount policies and price lists (published or unpublished), e.g., wholesale, original equipment manufacturer, or reseller;

Also explain the basis of each offered price and its relationship to the established catalog price, including how the proposed price relates to the price of recent sales in quantities similar to the proposed quantities;

- b. For market-priced items; the source and date or period of the market quotation or other basis for market price, the base amount, and applicable discounts. In addition, describe the nature of the market;
 - c. For items included on an active Federal Supply Service Multiple Award Schedule contract; a copy of the appropriate pages for the offered items, Schedule cover page, terms and conditions, unless already on file with the contracting office.
3. Additional supporting information, to the extent necessary to determine whether the price is fair and reasonable.

The Offeror grants CPCCo or an authorized representative the right to examine, at any time before award, books, records, documents, or other directly pertinent records to verify the reasonableness of the price. For items priced using catalog or market prices, or law or regulation, access does not extend to cost or profit information or other data relevant solely to the seller's determination of the prices to be offered in the catalog or marketplace.

5.9 Small Business Set Aside

Proposals made under this solicitation shall be from small business concerns, including Disadvantaged, Women Owned, Veteran Owned, Service Disabled Veteran Owned and HUBZone small businesses. Proposals received from concerns that are not small businesses

shall not be considered for this solicitation. Disadvantaged, Women Owned, Veteran Owned and service Disables Veteran Owned may self-certify to these categories as defined by the Small Business Administration (www.sba.gov). HUBZone businesses must be certified by the Small Business Administration.

SECTION B – RFP ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – STATEMENT OF WORK
- Attachment 2 – DRAFT CONTRACT
- Attachment 3 – PRICING TEMPLATE (*return with Volume II*)
- Attachment 4 – SPECIAL PROVISIONS 16, REPRESENTATIONS & CERTIFICATIONS (*return as a separate attachment*)
- Attachment 5 – EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION CERTIFICATION (*return as a separate attachment*)
- Attachment 6 – LOWER-TIER SUBCONTRACTOR FLOWDOWN CERTIFICATION (*return as a separate attachment*)
- Attachment 7 – CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE & REPRESENTATION (*return as a separate attachment*)